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Internet Sites

1. Ben’s Guide to U.S. Government for Kids

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/k-2/index.html>

This site provides all the basic information about the government of the United States. On the site you can find links to describe our nation, our government, your neighborhood, Ben’s ABC’s which has different government vocabulary for each letter, symbols of the U.S. government, games and activities, and a list of more U.S. government websites for kids.

2. Kids.gov

<http://www.kids.gov/k_5/k_5_government.shtml>

This site is all about teaching kids about the government. It has links to important documents such as The Declaration of Independence and the U.S. constitution. It also provides different links to activities such as the citizenship quiz to test your knowledge on American government.

3. Congress for Kids

<http://www.congressforkids.net/>

This website is a fun and interactive and easy to navigate for kids. It is designed with eye-popping colors. It introduces important topics including: independence, the three branches of government, the constitution, elections, and citizenships. It also provides a few quizzes for students to test their knowledge.

Books

1. We The People: The Story of Our Constitution by Lynne V. Cheney

This is a children’s book about what happened after the Revolution. The country was not able to pay bills and the Massachusetts farmers had taken arms against the government. A few delegates gathered together in the summer of May 1787 to create what is now known as the U.S. constitution. Their efforts turned and alliance of states into a nation that would grow powerful over the centuries.

2. How the U.S. Government Works by Syl Sobel J.D.

This is an easy-to-read book that explains the federal system as it works in the United States today. It also discusses some ways in which the government has changed since the framers of the Constitution brought it into existence in the 18th century. A complex process of the government branches is explained in interesting terms that young readers can comprehend.

3. What Presidents Are Made Of by Hanoch Piven

This is a picture book made up of objects to describe a few of the United States Presidents from George Washington to current President Barack Obama. The author “builds” these Presidents to describe their personalities using objects.

4. Everyone Counts: A Citizens' Number Book (Count Your Way Across the U.S.A.) by Elissa Grodin

This book gives the students a way to count their way through the government. Starting with the Constitution (Number 1), to amendments passed thus far (27), to the number of senators in the Senate (100), "Everyone Counts" explains the processes, people and history of our government.